

JUST WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED!

Wycombe Wanderers 5, Barking 2.

A HARLEY-STREET Psychiatrist could not have prescribed a better remedy for lifting Wycombe Wanderers out of the doldrums than this decisive win. It was just what the doctor ordered.

This was a glimpse of the real Wycombe. Their dazzling football was a real treat to watch. The players wanted the ball and worked for each other. The old understanding was there—all vital ingredients which have been missing since the new campaign opened.

Wanderers' first win since September 26 could not have come at a better time, just four days away from the F.A. Cup clash with Dagenham. This victory must have surely sent morale soaring in the Wycombe camp.

However a word of caution must be expressed regarding the defence. It is still very suspect, especially to the long ball down the middle, which was again apparent on Tuesday evening.

Without a doubt this was a team victory. But certain individuals deserve, perhaps, extra praise. Keith Samuels ran himself into the ground and Len Worley sent over an endless stream of crosses which continually worried the Barking rearguard.

GLORIOUS GOAL

It was Samuels who put Wanderers ahead in the eighth minute. Receiving a pass from Baker, he cracked the ball into the top right hand corner from 30 yards.

Two minutes later Horseman made space for himself to take a pass from Baker, before crossing for Samuels to net from close range.

Wanderers threatened to overrun Barking. But suddenly the visitors pulled a goal back as Page cleverly chipped the ball over Maskell.

After 33 minutes Barking were back on level terms. Fayers, with acres of room to move in netted, after nearly missing this golden opportunity. As the teams trooped off at half-time it appeared as though Wycombe had slipped back to their old frustrating selves.

However a resolute and determined Wycombe started the second half, with Gale's long range drive skimming the bar. Within nine minutes Wanderers had taken the lead again.

Worley's corner reached

Holmes, who rounded a defender before firing his cross over. Samuels headed towards goal and Horseman dived forward to apply the finishing touch.

In the 79th minute Steve Holmes scored his first goal for the senior team. Worley's low cross flashed through a crowded goalmouth before Steve, with obvious delight, tapped the ball home.

Len Worley was rewarded for his efforts five minutes from time. Len swerved an awkward cross towards 'keeper Howard who dropped the ball over his head and into the net.

Wycombe Wanderers: J. Maskell; J. Beck, I. Rundle; B. Baker, V. Faulkner, C. Gale; L. Worley, K. Samuels, L. Merrick, A. Horseman, S. Holmes.